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Subject: Alton Coal Mine Project #C/025/0005

Dear Mr. Haddock,

Thank you for allowing us to express our concerns regarding the Alton Coal Mine. My husband and I reside in Panguitch and also own a retail store on Main Street. We have attended every meeting in Panguitch to oppose this venture. As citizens of Panguitch, we have worked so hard in preserving the heritage and bringing tourism to our town. We are members of Panguitch Main Street and are on the Board of Directors for the Triple C Arena. We attend every City Council meeting and have let our city fathers know our opposition to the coal mine.

Our main concern is the traffic through and on Main Street. If the proposed route is used to haul coal from Alton to Cedar city (down Center street, turning on to Main Street), we will have coal trucks every 4.8 minutes barreling through town. What will happen to our Historic District (that we fought so hard for and recently received this designation)? What damage will those additional trucks have on our red brick buildings? What will happen to our festivals (where we close down Main Street to traffic)? How will motels survive with the noise those coal trucks will produce, not to mention the fumes and coal dust? How can visitors stroll down our Main Street with these trucks coming through town every 4.8 minutes? How will visitors enjoy the beautiful night sky's in Bryce Canyon National Park with the coal mine in it's backyard, harvesting coal around the clock invading the night sky's with lights and the noise the coal mine will produce?

We have worked so hard to have Panguitch be a destination, rather than a drive by. If the coal mine is allowed to use the proposed route (through Panguitch), we feel it will destroy the town of Panguitch, along with our business and our home life.

If there must be a coal mine in Kane County, why not choose a truck route through Kane County to Iron County and leave Garfield County out of the picture? If Kane County is receiving most of the Federal funds for hosting this coal mine, let their roads bear the brunt of the damage and traffic these trucks will produce. We truly believe the amount of road funds that will be paid to Garfield County will not justify the amount of money Panguitch and surrounding towns will lose with the lack of Tourism, not to mention the damage to our beautiful buildings in Panguitch.

Please acknowledge and respond to my email and let us know the progress of the proposed mine.

Thank you.

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